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## NOTES FROM WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORTS #17:

1. From AES: In response to a request from R/TR, we are furnishing him, for transmittal to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, a short description of FLATB and of the Agency's policies in using FLATB results. R/TR indicates that he has obtained approval from the Office of Security for meeting HEW's request for this information.

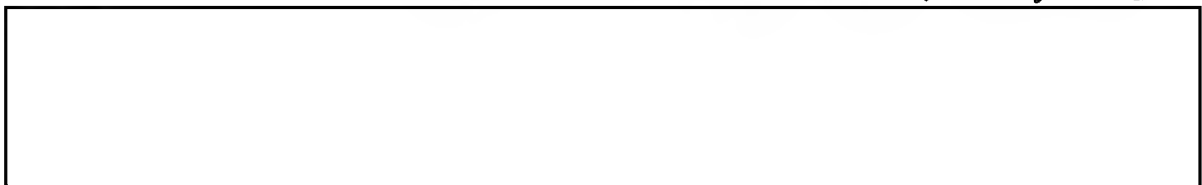
A review of our testing load for the first three months of CY 1961 reveals a very marked increase over the same period of CY 1960. Clerical EOD testing more than doubled. Except for PETB, which decreased about a third, there was an increase of about 50% for each of the other standard, major testing programs--PATB in the field (i.e., FCDP), headquarters PATB, headquarters CATB (we do not have precise figures on clerical applicant testing in the field, which is conducted by recruiters), and FLATB. A substantial portion of the FLATB increase was a result of two special FLATB sessions for JOT's.

[redacted] on 19 April requested that effective 1 July 1961 the following test centers be added to the existing 37 centers in the FCDP program:

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University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia  
University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois  
University of California, Berkeley, California  
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

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On 20 April a briefing was conducted for Mr. Douglas MacArthur II, newly appointed Ambassador to Belgium. Participants in the briefing were Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, and the Messrs. Amory, [redacted]

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On 25 April a briefing was conducted for Mr. Frederick E. Nolting, Jr., newly appointed Ambassador to Vietnam. Participants in the briefing were the Messrs. [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles was host at a luncheon for the guest.

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On 21 April a lecture on "The Role of CIA" was given at American University's School of International Service for some 15 persons enrolled in the current class of the training program for international business executives.

3. From Chief, Clerical Training: A startling number of telephone calls received concerning the recently announced special refresher training course in the Anniversary system of Gregg shorthand indicate that a great many of the on-duty clerical personnel are not aware of the existence of the regular Clerical Refresher classes in shorthand, typewriting, and English. When the persons calling were informed that they could secure the refresher training they needed in the regular classes which emphasized the Simplified system rather than endeavoring to attend the special Anniversary course, they expressed surprise that such classes were offered. Apparently the word does not filter down to the clerical employees who might be interested in attending skill refresher classes.

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4. From Deputy Chief, Language Training: The Interagency Language Roundtable met at [ ] on Friday and Saturday. In addition to the regular members, the Director of Training of USIA and Major-General Hopwood of the Air Training Command were present. Included in the program was a discussion of the recent People-to-People Program of the Navy in which Mr. Leroy Benoit participated as an information officer during a three-month cruise to Africa by a naval group. The participants agreed that it had been a very useful meeting at both the formal and informal levels.

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[ ] attended an all-day meeting on Monday, 24 April, at the Center for Applied Linguistics on the Joint Language Proficiency Testing Program. Present were members of the Center staff, State Department and CIA representatives, the Executive Secretary of the Modern Language Association, and Mr. Willmark Starr, who has been Director of the Modern Language Association's proficiency test development project. There was discussion of the means by which the Center for Applied Linguistics could most effectively accomplish the management of a joint proficiency testing project and the form and content of the final proposal to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Mr. Starr agreed to act as General Manager of the project. An executive officer has not yet been fully agreed upon but prospects are at present being investigated. Mr. Starr will write a draft of a final proposal within the next 10 days, to be submitted to each of the members concerned and to be used in canvassing the testing requirements of other governmental agencies.

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Mr. Stone, the Executive Secretary of the Modern Language Association, expressed the willingness of the Modern Language Association to make all of its resources available to such a program and to use its influence, which is considerable, with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. At the end of the meeting Mr. Stone telephoned the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and told them of the Modern Language Association's interest and suggested that they be thinking in terms of a \$200,000 grant to this program. It is our hope that the project can be submitted by 1 June to HEW and that prototype tests, including recorded tests of oral proficiency, can be made available for field testing in the common languages as early as February or March of 1962.

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[ ] attended several sessions of the annual Georgetown University Roundtable on Linguistics and Language Teaching. These were devoted mostly to semantics and psycholinguistics. The papers given naturally varied in value and effectiveness of delivery. Of particular interest was the talk given by Prof. Paul Pimsleur describing an experiment conducted at the University of California at Los Angeles on the prediction of language aptitude. The findings pointed overwhelmingly to motivation as the most important single factor in student performance. Dr. John Carroll of Harvard also spoke on his "Chinese Teaching Machine."

5. From Chief, Plans and Policy Staff: [ ] is attending the convention of the Department of Audio Visual Instruction, NEA, on 24-28 April 1961. He is to observe the exhibits and recommend to DTR new equipment and material appropriate to OTR installations in the new building. He also will accumulate information on any new training techniques or devices in the field of audio visual education.

From 1-5 May, [ ] will attend the convention of the American Society of Training Directors, where he will participate in the session on "Visual Aids."

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